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Elba Schools superintendent expresses delight over increasing enrollment numbers at elementary school

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba Board of Education met Thursday evening, June 9, for the regular monthly board meeting, and the superintendent expressed delight in continuing to see student numbers increase for the elementary school.

Superintendent Chris Moseley had one word for the enrollment numbers for the elementary school — wow, especially for the lower grades.

"Last year, we ended up with 71 or 72 students in our kindergarten class [will be first graders the upcoming school year]," Moseley said. "As of right now, we are at 65 students for the incoming kindergartners, and that our numbers are projecting to hit at least 70 when school starts."

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He said the school system was still waiting on some numbers from the state department of education, but it is very close to needed to hire an additional teacher unit again this year to meet the enrollment demands.

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"Last year, we ended up with 71 or 72 students in our kindergarten class," an additional teacher unit each year since they began school.

"We are just really excited that our numbers continue to go up each year," he said.

With that in mind, the board voted to approve a recommendation from the superintendent to hire veteran financial numbers, just in case there is that need.

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Elba celebrates Juneteenth holiday

Perry Stinson named Juneteenth Hometown Hero

The City of Elba and Mulberry Heights Coalition came together Thursday, June 16, and celebrated the Juneteenth holiday.

The day's events began with a Hometown Hero presentation at the Elba Theatre in downtown Elba. The 2022 recipient of this award was Perry Stinson.

Stinson was honored for his dedication over the years in recreation and education to the Elba community. His service dates to 1961.

Stinson also has been an active member of the Elba Lions Club for many years, and he has served his community in helping that organization promote its mission to improve health and well-being, strengthen communities, and support those in need through humanitarian services.

Later in the day last Thursday, the Mulberry Heights Coalition, Elba Public Library and Camp E.X.C.E.L. jointly hosted a Juneteenth Celebration at the Elba Splash Pad where youngsters were invited to enjoy the aquatic recreation venue along with water slides. The event also included food, games, storytelling, and a coloring contest.

Extra precautions needed to prevent heat illnesses

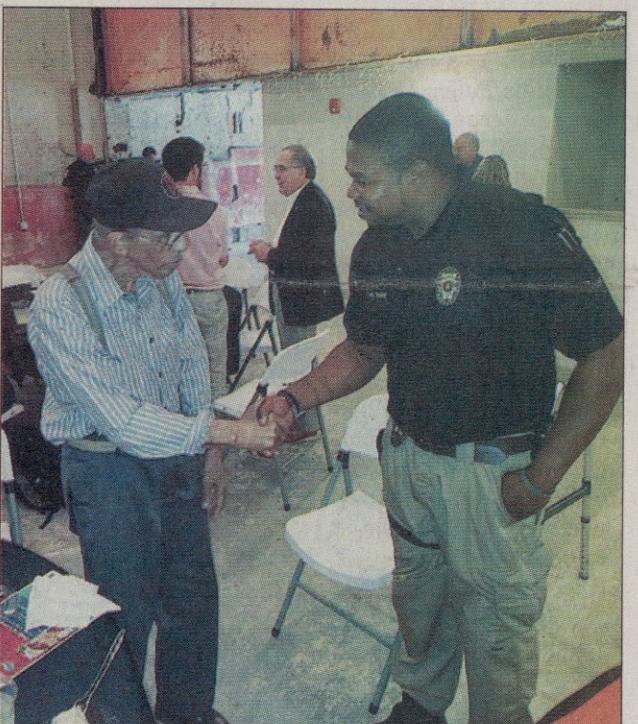
With temperatures and heat indices rising into triple digits, the Alabama Department of Public Health advises the public to be alert to the warning signs of heat illnesses.

Heat-related illnesses occur when the body is exposed to high temperatures. The incidence of these illnesses rises expectantly during warm weather periods, and anyone exposed to high temperatures or extreme heat can experience symptoms when the body's temperature control system is overloaded. The most common heat-related illnesses are as follows:

- Heat cramps
- Heat exhaustion
- Heat stroke

Heat cramps— include muscle pains or spasms (abdomen, arms or legs), profuse sweat, and high salt concentration in the sweat.

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"Juneteenth Hometown Hero" Perry Stinson (left) is congratulated by Elba Police Chief Troy Staley last Thursday morning, June 16, for being named the award recipient.

(Photo courtesy of Allison Givin)

Reportedly, lots of fun was had by all in attendance for this celebration.

Juneteenth commemorates the emancipation of enslaved people in the United States. The holiday was first celebrated in Texas, where on that date in 1865, in the aftermath of the Civil War, slaves were declared free

under the terms of the 1862 Emancipation Proclamation.

Juneteenth officially is celebrated on June 19 each year. It became a federal holiday when Congress passed The Juneteenth National Independence Day Act in June 2021 and was signed into law by President Joe Biden on June 17, 2021.

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Heat stroke or sun stroke—the most serious heat-related illness, a life-threatening problem, may occur when the body is unable to control its temperature. Body temperature may rise to 106 degrees F or higher within 10 -15 minutes. Signs

include an extremely high body temperature, red, hot and dry or moist skin, rapid,

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Area Happenings

THE JUNE 2022 MEETING FOR THE DAY WIREGRASS CHAPTER 99, located in New Brockton, Ala., will be Thursday June 23, at 6 p.m. at the New Brockton Senior Center.

THE ELBA SPLASH PAD WILL BE OPEN FOR THE 4TH OF JULY! The Elba Parks and Recreation has announced the Elba Splash Pad will be open Monday, July 4 from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. The Splash Pad is normally closed on Mondays for maintenance.

ELBA'S LET FREEDOM RING ANNUAL EVENT will be Monday, July 4, on the square in downtown Elba, beginning at 6 p.m. There will be a patriotic "car" parade, entertainment by Blind Skeleton, inflatable rides, contests, and food concessions. Fireworks will be at approximately 9 p.m.



This SUV was one of two vehicles involved Saturday afternoon, June 18, in a collision at the U.S. Hwy 84 and Alabama Hwy. 141 intersection in the Curtis Community, outside of Elba. The second vehicle sustained far less damage, according to members of the Elba Volunteer Fire Department. Two people were taken to a local hospital to receive treatment for injuries as a result of this accident, but those injuries did not appear to be serious.

Two separate accidents reported Saturday, June 18, on U.S. Hwy. 84 in Coffee County near Elba

The Elba Volunteer Fire Department and other local emergency personnel responded Saturday, June 18, to two separate vehicle accidents on U.S. Highway 84, with one of the two being at the intersection of U.S. Hwy. 84 and Alabama Hwy. 141 in the Curtis Community.

The first accident of the day was Saturday morning on Hwy. 84 [in the east-bound lane just west of Hwy. 166 in Elba], and this was a single vehicle accident. A Toyota SUV left the roadway and overturned off the road. Reportedly, there were no injuries in this accident; however, the vehicle sustained heavy damage.

The second accident of the day was at the intersection of Hwy. 84/Hwy. 141 in the Curtis community of Coffee County. This intersection has been the site of multiple accidents over the past few years. It has many local citizens calling for "something to be done" to try and prevent these incidents from continuing to happen.

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(Photos courtesy of Josh Mack, Elba VFD)

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of the Alabama BASS Nation also were included in this tournament. A total of 217 boats qualified for this competition.

Once again Padgett and Young were fishing with the best Alabama high school anglers. Despite the heat and few bites the first day, Padgett/Young weighed in a limit of five fish for 11.52 pounds.

Shortly after the weigh-in was in the books, a severe thunderstorm popped up and destroyed the team tent along with other team tents. Apparently, the storm angered the alligators which are prevalent in this lake; one of them attacked the jack plate of Padgett's boat while his captain Taylor

Renfroe was trying to get it out of the water.

The BASS Nation area also received considerable damage, and the area was off limits to members until the next morning while the game wardens did alligator control in the area.

During the night following the storm and in the pre-dawn hours of the second day of the tournament, the BASS Nation crew made ready for the early morning launch. The anglers usually are in the water by 4:30 waiting for the safe-lit blast off following the playing of the national anthem and an opening prayer.

At the end of day two,

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"I find that the harder I work, the more luck I seem to have." Thomas Jefferson

Should Joe Biden run for re-election or be a one termer like the Georgia peanut farmer? By golly if he would spend his ex-president years as productive as Jimmy Carter, we would personally escort him out of the White House and pat him on the back with a "good luck, brother" comment. Probably no one would have had an easy job in today's world and following Donald Trump, but we have personally questioned some of Biden's decisions. Oh, not the fall with the bicycle last week. Even young folks occasionally get their foot tangled up or stumble over a tree root. However, we would probably not be upset if the Democrat Party put fourth a fresh candidate in the next round of presidential elections.

The election day vote on the state parks bond issue amendment passed in every Alabama county with an overwhelming majority. We heard someone say, "That bunch in Montgomery were ready to start spending that money the day after the votes were counted." That is a bit unfair, as the bonds will have to be sold before the money can be spent. NOW, the department surely has some rough plans in place and can begin fleshing them out. Otherwise, they would not have had any idea how big of a bond issue they would request. Anyway, Alabama voters endorsed the plan overwhelmingly.

A recent opinion piece on an internet website assigned the blame for the ongoing run-away inflation on . . . the government of the past couple of generations beginning with the establishment of the Social Security program. The elected officials realized they could buy re-election by giving voters non-existing money (the Federal Reserve just prints more money). Some other inflation causing government actions include . . . keeping up with the Soviet threats in the 1980s, savings and loan crisis in the 1990s, then 9/11 in the 2000s, housing crisis in the 2010s, and of course COVID. The federal government has a \$4 trillion annual tax income and \$30 trillion of debt. There is also that \$100 trillion promised to future retirees in retired federal employees, military retirees, and Social Security! All those were reasons to print more money and let someone else solve the problem years late. Well years later is now. We need to either buckle down and pay the piper and/or kick back against excessive federal spending.

The federal spending issue brought back a comment years ago by retiring U.S. Senator Richard Shelby. He and I were discussing "things" one day and he said something like, "You know, everyone is against more government spending . . . except those dollars coming to them and/or their community." We had never thought of it in those terms, but quickly realized he was right.

A couple of weeks ago a strong lightning storm came to Coffee County. We were still at the office and were at the cash register when a strong bolt of lightning hit "right near us." It was so close that the fax machine lit up and kept trying to ring until we turned it off. Our thoughts were, "Oops, we have some machines destroyed," but thank goodness everything survived! We did hear the next day that a local lady who was standing in her back yard got struck. Clearly it was not a direct hit, as she survived and was released from the hospital a couple of days later. She said today (Tuesday) that she feels fine. Now folks, that would make us instantly think that God was sending us some sort of urgent message!!!

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When the world was a mess, Alabama showed plain common sense

Editorial by Alabama Governor Kay Ivey

Over the last two years, tourists and vacationers have flocked to Alabama

to escape unnecessary restrictions and mandates. They also traveled here in record numbers because Alabama has something for everyone.

From our white sandy beaches on the Gulf Coast to the river valleys across the state to vibrant cultures and top-ranked cities, we remained open, welcoming and promoting normalcy.

Google searches, alone, proved Alabama was one of the county's most desired getaways.

More people searched for information about our state than they did other tourist hot spots, like California, Hawaii and New York. Alabama travel information jumped from 30th place to fourth among the 50 states.

Other states and the national tourism industry suffered a drop of 45%. But here in Alabama, we did not just recover; we thrived. In 2021, 26% more tourists vacationed in Alabama and spent a record amount of almost \$20 billion.

It's no secret that economic growth is a priority of mine, and that includes expanding Alabama tourism. During my tenure, we have seen the tourism industry almost double in revenue. Revenues went from \$10.7 billion in 2012 to \$19.7 billion in 2021. Now, this growth could be attributed to new tourism attractions and good advertisement, or the truth of the matter: Alabama has it going on.

Even more important-

It does not stop here. Alabamians just voted to provide more funding for state parks and public historical locations. This constitutional amendment will help improve, renovate, construct and maintain our 22 state parks which encompass 48,000 acres of endless opportunities to fish, camp, canoe, hike and enjoy the great outdoors.

We are keeping Alabama the beautiful, beautiful.

Tourism down on the Gulf Coast is a money-making machine and the rest of Alabama isn't far behind. You can retrace the steps of the Civil Rights Movement, discover outer space in Huntsville at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center, hike the start of the Appalachian range at Pinhoti Trail or spend a weekend on the lake at one of my favorite Alabama destinations, Lake Jordan.

Whether you are a first-time tourist, a frequent visitor or a local, I invite you and your family to explore all that Alabama has to offer this summer.



Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression



Sister just keeps digging her hole deeper with Cuzin Lou Lou when it comes to the Lou 2!

There is thing among Jeep owners where many purchase little rubber ducks, include some little note with them, and place the ducks on or in other Jeeps they come across. The idea is to create smiles throughout the Jeep community.

Lou Lou actually was not aware of this craze until Sister told her about it. When Sister made her aware of the "ducking" game, Sister also hinted that she would be surprised if Lou Lou ever received one of the little ducks for the Lou 2.

Well...someone proved Sister wrong! And, Lou Lou is still laughing about it.

Lou Lou was at a park recently and her mode of transportation to the park was the Lou 2. At the end of the day, Lou Lou returned to her Jeep only to find a little rubber duck had been placed in the driver's seat of the Lou 2! There was a note attached with these words – Duck, Duck, Jeep!

The anonymously given gift definitely brought a smile to Lou Lou's face, and she was excited to get home tell Sister about it. "I got ducked!" Lou Lou excitedly said once she arrived home.

Here's where Sister spoke before thinking and dug that hole a little deeper...

"Really???" was the very surprised response that came from Sister's mouth. "Why do you say it like that?" Lou Lou wanted to know. "Are you just shocked that someone would actually 'duck' my Jeep?"

"No...of course not," Sister tried to change her tune.

Uh huh...Lou Lou was on to her now. She was still of the mindset that the Lou 2 was not worthy of such praise. Joke on her!!

Lou Lou has tried to not let Sister's inappropriate

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, June 14, 2022, and Monday, June 20, 2022, conducted the following activities.

Tuesday, June 14 – Suspicious person reported at 990 Hwy 203 – w/ an arrest made (6:28 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at 1211 Farris Ave (12:36 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 351 County Rd 401 (4:51 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in an arrest.

Wednesday, June 15 – No Activity Report Available for this Date.

Thursday, June 16 – Suspicious vehicle reported at 2667 Hickman Ave (12:29 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 991 Winston Ave (7:31 a.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 87 N – w/ a verbal warning issued (9:25 a.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 87 – w/ an arrest made (1:49 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1017 Guyton St – w/ an arrest made (2:49 a.m.); Suspicious person reported on Court Ave (2:34 p.m.); Reckless driver reported at 987 Drayton Ave (9:58 a.m.); Burglary reported at 1259 Neil Grantham Dr (12:59 p.m.); Suspicious person reported on Court Ave (2:34 p.m.); Reckless driver reported at 987 Drayton Ave (9:58 a.m.); Suspicious person reported on Hwy 203 (8:29 p.m.); Fire – grass/brush/woods reported at 661 Lee St (11:42 p.m.). Eight traffic stops resulted in five citations, one written warning, and two verbal warnings.

Saturday, June 18 – Suspicious vehicle reported at 638 N Claxton Ave Hwy 87 N – w/ a verbal warning issued (9:25 a.m.); Suspicious person reported on Hwy 87 – w/ an arrest made (1:49 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1017 Guyton St – w/ an arrest made (2:49 a.m.); Suspicious person reported on Court Ave (2:34 p.m.); Reckless driver reported at 987 Drayton Ave (9:58 a.m.); Suspicious person reported on Hwy 203 (8:29 p.m.); Fire – grass/brush/woods reported at 661 Lee St (11:42 p.m.). Eight traffic stops resulted in five citations, one written warning, and two verbal warnings.

Sunday, June 19 – Suspicious person reported at 329 Sollie Dr (12:20 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 622 Newton St (12:46 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 990 Hwy 203 (1:35 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 614 Reynolds Ave – w/ an arrest made (9:22 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 956 N Claxton Ave (2:43 p.m.); Trespassing reported at 1950 Reese Ave (4:27 p.m.); Civil complaint reported at 810 Cedar Lane Dr – w/ an arrest (6:55 a.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in two verbal warnings.

Monday, June 20 – Suspicious vehicle reported at 715 Troy Hwy (1:29 a.m.); Trespassing reported at 1107 Payne St (11:11 a.m.); Traffic accident reported on Herman Dr (3:58 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported on W Davis St (7:28 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 120 Old Samson Rd (8:41 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 987 Johnson St (9:48 p.m.); Prowler reported on N Cordelia Ave (10:38 p.m.). Six traffic stops resulted in three citations, and three verbal warnings.

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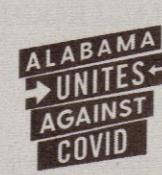
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Avery Padgett and Ethan Young won the Freedom Marine contingency first place award at the state championship event. Pictured above (from left): Ken Chambers with Freedom Marine, Zion Chapel's Ethan Young and Avery Padgett, and the second place winners from Good Hope High School [no names were provided for these student anglers].

BASS

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Team Padgett/Young weighed in a limit of five fish for 12.20 pounds. This gave them a two-day total of 23.72 pounds. These results placed them sixteenth out of 217 boats.

Padgett and Young were the Freedom Marine contingency first place winners for which they received \$1,000; this was their fifth time winning this award this season.

Avery Padgett and Ethan Young are qualified and registered for the BASS-MASTER High School Combine. They will be among only 100 anglers from all over the United States to participate in this combine at Lake Wheeler in Decatur, Ala., September 16-18, 2022. Multiple college coaches will be there to meet, interview, and observe these young anglers.

The Zion Chapel Bass Team continues to be thankful for all their sponsors, community and family support, and boat captains. They are also grateful for the dedication and work of Dana Stinson Haley, president, and Larry Campbell, vice-president, of this organization, for doing the groundwork to establish this team. They continue to work tirelessly to keep this team on the water and catching fish.

Plans are underway for season four. Any Zion Chapel High School student in grades 9-12, who is interested in becoming a ZCBT angler, is invited to attend an information/interest meeting Thursday, June 26, at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call Dana Stinson Haley at 334-406-0498.



MONTHLY BREAKFAST GATHERING...Several members of the Elba High School Class of 1966 gathered Tuesday morning, June 14, for their monthly breakfast fellowship at Juliette's Restaurant in Elba. Class members in attendance for the June meeting were: Jackey Tindol, David Blackmon, Terry Calhoun, Bobby Edmondson, Rodger Dale Boothe, Eddie Thompson, John Lawless, Harry Young, Kenneth Baker, Neal Hutto, Judy Brown, and Jerry Brown.

Obituaries

Obits are updated regularly on our website: www.elba-clipper.com

GARY MARZETTE REEVES

Mr. Gary Marzette Reeves, age 72, a resident of the Bill Nichols VA Home in Alexander City, Ala., died Saturday, June 18, 2022, at Russell Medical Center in Alexander City.

Gary was a member of the United States Army and served during the Vietnam war where he was awarded a Bronze Star and numerous other decorations for his bravery and sacrifice for his country.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 22, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba, Ala., beginning at 11 a.m. Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery, Elba, under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home. He will receive military honors at the conclusion of the graveside service.

Visitation was at Hayes Funeral Home on Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. The family requests the omission of flowers, and asks that donations be made to the DAV, <https://www.dav.org>

Gary was preceded in death by his parents, Marie and Marzette Reeves. Survivors include his sons: Jeremy (Mary) Reeves, Enterprise, Ala., Josh Reeves, Elba; a brother: Kenneth (Donna) Reeves, Elba; and he was anxiously awaiting the arrival of twin granddaughters.

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Tommy was preceded in death by his father, Jimmy Bryan, and a brother, Ricky Bryan.

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PASTOR'S CORNER

by Ken Wilson, Pastor

Westside Baptist Church, Elba

Always Leave Them Laughing

Summer is here and that means vacations. Vacations in my family were always an adventure. My Dad believed in taking both weeks of vacation at the same time. Once a year we would load up my Mom and Dad, four children and sometimes my Granny and hit the road. We were "The Grizwolds".

I'll never forget the year Dad decided to drive to Colorado. He thought it would be fun to go to the Rocky Mountains and of course take in some sights along the way. Reservations were made and the itinerary was written. Dad even had a special mattress made to fit in the back of our station wagon so we could lie down and sleep. Today he would be arrested for not having proper child restraints, but back then, as long as the children were actually inside the car everything was okay.

We left before daylight on the first morning. I'm sure Dad wanted to get as far as he could before I started asking questions. "Are we there yet?" "How much farther?" There are certain responsibilities that come with being the youngest child. One is to drive family crazy on vacation and I was happy to fulfill my obligation. The "old man" was not to be disappointed. I woke up when he laid me in the back of the car and was asking questions before we crossed the county line.

Most of what I remember about that trip is great. We saw the St. Louis Arch "Gateway to the West" and rode an elevator to the top of it. We spent one night in Hays Kansas. As far as I could tell, it was the only place in Kansas. Of course we saw the majestic Rockies and some of the most breathtaking scenery I've ever seen. All in all it was two weeks well spent.

However, there were plenty of those giddy been together in a car too long moments as well. You can't drive ten or eleven hours in one day and not get a little crazy. One particular thing that happened sticks out in my mind because I caused it. We stopped for gas somewhere along the way. Back then there were still full service stations where an attendant actually pumped your gas, washed your windshield and checked your oil. Today we are lucky if we even speak to a human at a gas station.

Dad got out to watch the man do his job. I never really understood why, but he always did that. While Dad was outside watching the attendant open the hood I decided to climb into the front seat to sit with Mom. As I was climbing over, my foot got stuck and I lost my balance. At precisely the same time the man leaned under the hood, I literally sat down on the horn.

To say he was a bit startled would be an understatement. He jumped straight up in the air and smacked the back of his head on the car hood. Mother pulled me off of the horn rather quickly as the man staggered around the front of the car. I sheepishly looked out the window to see if Daddy was upset. To my surprise, he was leaning on the car howling. As the service station man came to his senses Dad tried to regain his composure but he couldn't stop laughing.

Inside the car, Mother was laughing so hard she had tears rolling down her cheeks. The rest of us were laughing now that we knew that I would not be killed when Dad got back in. As we left the service station, the poor attendant was still shaking his head. We were revived and ready for some more driving time.

The Bible has a few things to say about laughter. "A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones" (Proverbs 17:22) In other words, it better to laugh than to be too serious all the time. "A happy heart makes the face cheerful..." (Proverbs 15:13) Basically we need to lighten up and learn to laugh at life from time to time. When we do that, it will make those long "drives" a lot more bearable.

CHURCH NEWS

Public invited to enjoy fireworks at Bethany Baptist Church on July 3rd

Community Fireworks are scheduled at Bethany Baptist Church, 1805 County Road 533, New Brockton, on the eve of Sunday, July 3rd.

Newbia Baptist Church to host one-day VBS Saturday, July 23

Newbia Baptist Church, located at 3819 County Rd. 330, Elba, Ala., will host a one-day Vacation Bible School, on Saturday, July 23, beginning at 9 a.m.

Children of all ages are invited [those under age four may need to have an accompanying adult] to attend VBS. Registration will be from 8:30 - 8:55 a.m. that Saturday morning. The VBS program will

be from 9 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

Parents should send an extra suit of clothes as there

will be "fun with water" at the end of the VBS session.

For more information or to pre-register, contact Kristena Marler on Facebook Messenger, call (334) 372-2098, or email skmrdm517@hotmail.com [include VBS in the subject line].



Lily Daniels enjoyed Vacation Bible School last week at her church, Basin Baptist Church in Elba. The theme of VBS was "Spark Studios" and the children enjoyed music, arts & crafts, Bible lessons, and more throughout the week. VBS concluded with Family Night on Thursday, June 16th.

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Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.

Wed. Night Service ... 6:30 p.m.

Bible Study & Prayer ... 5:30 p.m.

A.M.U.T. until 7:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH

Steve Watson, Pastor

Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.

Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH

Philip Adcock, Pastor

Sunday Morning ... 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Evening ... 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

1ST ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON

Danny Bradshaw, Pastor

Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Bible Study ... 7:00 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

Scott Donaldson, Pastor

Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH

Edward E. Drake, Pastor

Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.

Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Service ... 7:00 p.m.

GODS POWER HOUSE

EVANGELISTIC CHURCH

Overton, Billy Bassett, Pastor

Sat. Service ... 6:00 p.m.

Sun. Service ... 10:00 a.m.

Thur. Night ... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY

H.L. Buckner, Pastor

Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship ... 5:30 p.m.

Wed. Service ... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD

John Curtis Isaacs, Pastor

Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Service ... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE

Allen Richards, Pastor

Sunday School ... 11:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Service ... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Dwight Johnson, Pastor

Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 10:30 a.m.

Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Service ... 6:00 p.m.

ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

W. K. Ellison, Pastor

Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Service ... 6:00 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Robert Davis, Pastor

Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH

Remond Smith, Pastor

Church Service ... 9:00 a.m.

2nd & 4th Sundays

Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.

1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.

2nd & 4th Sundays

CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH

Lois Davis, Pastor

Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Night ... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Lovell Martin, Pastor

Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service ... 6:30 p.m.

Wed. Service ... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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LIFESTYLES



Several members of the Elba High School Class of 1972 enjoyed an impromptu gathering/meal recently at the home of Gary and Jenny Allen of Elba. A few of the classmates played golf together earlier in the day, and then several more joined them that evening for the meal. The Class of 1972 will be celebrating its 50th Class Reunion this football season at homecoming. Those gathering recently were (from left): Joe Prior, Gwen Mullinax, Teresa Kirkland, Jane Nicholson, Kathy Weeks, Rick Rainer, Kathy Mixson, Mark Vaughan, Joey Daniels, Jenny Allen, Wayne Lawford, Rosemary Crook, Gary Allen, Kathy Bozeman, Bill Scarbrough, Rhett Crook, and Jim Cook.

Skyler Nalley inducted into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

Skyler Nalley of Elba, Ala., was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Nalley was initiated at Troy University.

Nalley is among approximately 25,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter.

Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for

Two New Brockton students travel to Texas to compete in national contest

New Brockton High School students, Cheyenne Koehler and Christian Balderama, were among the top scoring candidates in Alabama qualifying them to represent the state June 20-22 in the 2022 Microsoft Office Specialist U.S. National Championship, held in Dallas, Texas.

On May 25, Koehler and Balderama completed the ninth grade at New Brockton High School. During their ninth-grade year, in their business technology applications class, the two students studied Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, and Excel. Among other students, Koehler and Balderama passed the credential exams in each of the three Microsoft programs.

These exams give students recognized credentials that when presented to future employers, show the student's abilities and expertise in which many companies are interested. Upon completion of the course requirements, Koehler and Balderama chose to participate in the competition prelims, during which time they each scored a perfect score for their respective programs of interest.

On Monday, June 20, at the Gaylord Texan Resort in Dallas, they began the 3-day

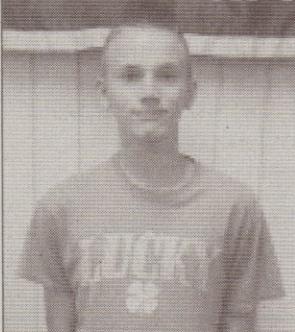
Locals graduate from Wallace Community College in Dothan

Wallace Community College - Dothan (WCCD) conferred degrees and certificates on Wednesday, May 11, during the Spring 2022 Commencement Exercises at the Dothan Civic Center.

Credentials were awarded to the following local graduates:



Cheyenne Koehler



Christian Balderama

competition with students from other states. Koehler participated in MOS PowerPoint and Balderama competed in MOS Excel.

New Brockton High School is proud of their students' state ranking, their willingness to compete at the national level, and of the support their families gave to get them to the Texas competition.

Locals graduate from University of Alabama

The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Ala., awarded 5,907 degrees during its Spring Commencement ceremonies on May 6-8, 2022.

Leslie Ethridge of New Brockton received a Master of Science degree in nursing.

Andy Garcia of New Brockton received a Bachelor of Science degree in commerce & business administration.

Allie Tucker of Kinston received a Bachelor of Science degree in education.

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Seniors encouraged to join the fun at the Elba Senior Citizens Center

Donna Falls, director of the Elba Senior Citizens Center, encourages all seniors age 60 and older to attend the Elba Senior Citizens Center.

Along with nutritious meals 5-days-per-week, Falls works with seniors to help them apply for several programs that may qualify, including: Farmers Market Vouchers, HRDC- Energy Assistance, Food Assistance, Medicaid Waiver, Senior Rx Program, Medicare Savings Program, etc. However, the senior must be an active participant at the Elba Senior Center for the director to sign them up for these type programs.

**Lifestyles
News is due
on Mondays!**



HENDERSON RECEIVES 50-YEAR PIN...Brother Neil Henderson received his 50-Year Masonic Pin during a ceremony held Saturday, June 18, at the Elba Masonic Lodge #170. District Lecture Brother Billy Wilkerson made the presentation with aid by Brother Coley Andress. Brother Henderson thanked his family and friends for all the support they have given him during his half century of Masonic service. Those pictured above include: Michael Ann Amison, JonAshley Amison, Mike Amison, Noah Henderson, Starla Amison, Neil Henderson, Coley Henderson, Matt Henderson, Ginger Henderson, Neilson Henderson and Kenneth Neil Amison.

Local students make honors lists at University of Alabama

A total of 11,224 students enrolled during Spring Semester 2022 at The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Ala., were named to the Dean's List with an academic record of 3.5 (or above) or the President's List with an academic record of 4.0 (all A's).

The UA Dean's and President's lists recognize full-time undergraduate students. The lists do not apply to graduate students or un-

Anna Clark of New Brockton named to Director's List at University of Alabama

A total of 363 students enrolled in UA Early College during Spring Semester 2022 at The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Ala., were named to the Director's List with an academic record of 3.6 (or higher). The 2022 spring list included Anna Clark of New Brockton. She attends New Brockton High School.

The Director's List recognizes students enrolled in classes through the UA Early College program.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

of Education, 400 Reddoch Hill Road Elba, AL 36323, Ph: 334-897-5016, until 2:00 PM Central Time, Tuesday, July 12, 2022, then opened and read aloud.

In the Matter of the Estate of Minnie Jewel Kelly Andrews, Deceased Case No. PC-2022-042

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Shirley A. Harris, Personal Representative, on the 9th day of June, 2022 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

DONE this the 9th day of June, 2022.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson, Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge 6/16, 23 & 30 -pd

PUBLIC NOTICE

"Notice is hereby given that Triple J Construction, LLC of P O Box 477, Arley, AL 35541 has completed all work on the SIMMONS STREET DRAINAGE REPLACEMENT in Elba, Alabama." All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify the above named contractor and the City Clerk of the City of Elba.

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MCKEE PROJECT NO: 22-161 NODCM

The sealed proposal as described above shall be received by Mrs. Kelly Cobb, Superintendent at the Coffee County Board of Education.

PDFs of the project can be reviewed by going to the McKee website @ www.mckeeplans@gmail.com

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Completion Time: See scope of work in Project Manual.

Supervision: Contractor to ensure proper supervision for all work.

Owner: Mrs. Kelly Cobb, Superintendent, Coffee County Board of Education, 400 Reddoch Hill Road Elba, AL 36323, Phone: 334-897-5016

Architect: McKee and Associates Architects, Inc., 631 South Hull Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36104, Phone: 334-834-9933

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The City of Elba will hold a public hearing on July 5, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. at the City Hall located at 200 Buford Street, Elba, Alabama. The City will discuss the proposed submission of an application for the Fiscal Year 2022 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The City is interested in obtaining all citizens' input on community development needs within the city. The City needs as much local participation as possible in order to reflect the true desires of the community as a whole, as well as the comments relating to the proposed project application. The State has established a maximum application request for each category. Activities that are eligible for funding include the improvement of public works, public facilities, housing rehabilitation, and others allowed by law. At least 51% of the funds must be used to benefit low and moderate income persons. No displacement of persons will be proposed. The project, if funded, will benefit a majority of low and moderate income persons.

For more information, or if you require special accommodations at the hearing, please contact city officials at (334) 897-2333 prior to the public hearing.

Tom Maddox
Mayor

time of departure as possible (no more than three days) before travel.

• Make sure you are up to date with your COVID-19 vaccines before travel.

• Check the current COVID-19 Community Level at your destination.

• Make sure you understand and follow all state, tribal, local and territorial travel restrictions.

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• If you have a medical condition or are taking

COVID-19.

• Awaiting results of a COVID-19 test.

• Had close contact with a person with COVID-19 and are recommended to quarantine.

The Alabama Department of Public Health has COVID-19 information available at its website at <https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19/index.html>

SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our grandson Lawson joined us over the weekend at a nearby restaurant to celebrate his Nanny's birthday party, and while he didn't join in on any conversations, he did enjoy the trip and made a meal out of the restaurant's warm dinner rolls. He did order two items off the kid's menu, but ate six rolls during dinner and took home six more to chow down on later. If we could afford to eat there more often he wouldn't stay skinny for long.

For what is worth....

*** The softball season ended over the weekend for the Elba girls on the All-Star teams, but this bunch of girls made their mark on the field and already have a lot of folks excited about their future as Lady Tigers. The All-Star teams included girls from both Elba and New Brockton, and both towns will no doubt reap the benefits of having their youth compete and put in hours of work to improve. It is a sacrifice to compete in sports at any level and now that these girls know what it takes they should also reap the benefits.

*** The Elba High basketball teams have been on the court a couple of days a week in the month of June and from what I hear both the Tigers and Lady Tigers have grown into winning teams. The Tigers and coach Kelsey Prestwood will return the bulk of their team and will be looking to be a contender in their return to the 1A ranks, while the Lady Tigers have been winning big against any and all opponents and have coach Shaun Hammonds looking forward to what he thinks could be one of his best teams ever. I have been excited about the upcoming football season for quite a while, and now am beginning to get interested in basketball.

*** Elba Tiger running back Alvin Henderson has been in the news in recent weeks as the upcoming sophomore continues to get offers from the nation's top football programs. The list reached 51 last week with an offer from Alabama, and when you add that to offers from such programs as Auburn, Ole Miss, Clemson, Georgia and dozens of other power five programs, it is easy to see that Henderson is more than just a dot on the radar. It is also a sure bet he will have a target on his back in every game he plays for the next three years, and he will have to prove his skills every time he carries the ball. The scholarship offers are great, but the hard work cannot stop if he expects to take the next step.

*** In closing.... The Atlanta Braves carried their 14-game winning streak to Chicago to play the Cubs, which were mired in a 10-game losing streak, and as could have been predicted the Cubs promptly won the first two games of the series. The always optimistic Braves announcers down played the losses and instead reminder their listeners how much better the team's record is compared to last season's team at the same time. I am a Braves fan, but their broadcasters can make it hard to watch at times.

Wood Ducks fly high to win Showcase tourney

The Alabama Wood Ducks rolled to four straight wins recently to win the 'Showcase' baseball tournament, held in conjunction with the Alabama State Games.

The Wood Ducks opened the tournament against SOPRO and grabbed an early 5-0 lead in a solid 11-3 win. Payton Green had 2 hits, scored 3 runs and added 1 rbi to lead the Wood Ducks, while Riley Simmons added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; Baylon Foster added 2 hits and scored 1 run; Payton Green added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's; Colton McClellan added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead the Wood Ducks, while Riley Simmons added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; Hunter White added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; and, Riley Simmons added 1 hit and 2 rbi's. Gavin Mayo and Riley Simmons combined to pitch five innings and allowed six hits and one earned run, while striking out six.

The Wood Ducks scored 4 runs in their final at-bat to post an exciting 4-2 win over Prime9. Noah Jeffers and Hunter Bedsole both had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead the Wood Ducks, while

third inning deficit to post a big 11-3 win over FlorBama. Gavin Mayo had 4 hits, scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi to lead the Wood Ducks, while Riley Simmons added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; Baylon Foster added 2 hits and scored 1 run; Payton Green added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's; Colton McClellan added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead the Wood Ducks, while Ty Sieving added 1 hit and scored 2 runs; Hunter Bedsole was the winning pitcher as he tossed six innings and allowed one earned run on four hits, while striking out three.

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'Brockton and Brantley stars named 'All-State'

The Alabama Sportswriters Association has released its 2020 high school 'All-State' baseball selections with the state champion G.W. Long Rebels and Ariton Purple Cats dominating the Class 2A picks with a total of nine players earning a spot among statewide honorees.

G.W. Long placed three players on the first team, one on the second team and one earning honorable mention, while Ariton had two first team selections and two second team picks.

New Brockton was represented on the Class 3A slate with a pair of players

Ty Sieving and Siaosi Blevins combined to pitch six innings and allowed one earned run on four hits, while recording five strikeouts.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Juneteenth Celebration held last Thursday at Elba Splash Pad

The City of Elba's Camp E.C.E.L., the Elba Public Library, and the Mulberry Heights Community Coalition joined together last Thursday, June 16, at the Elba Splash Pad to celebrate Juneteenth.

Youngsters enjoyed the Splash Pad, water slides, food, and more as part of the celebration. Here are a few photos from the event...

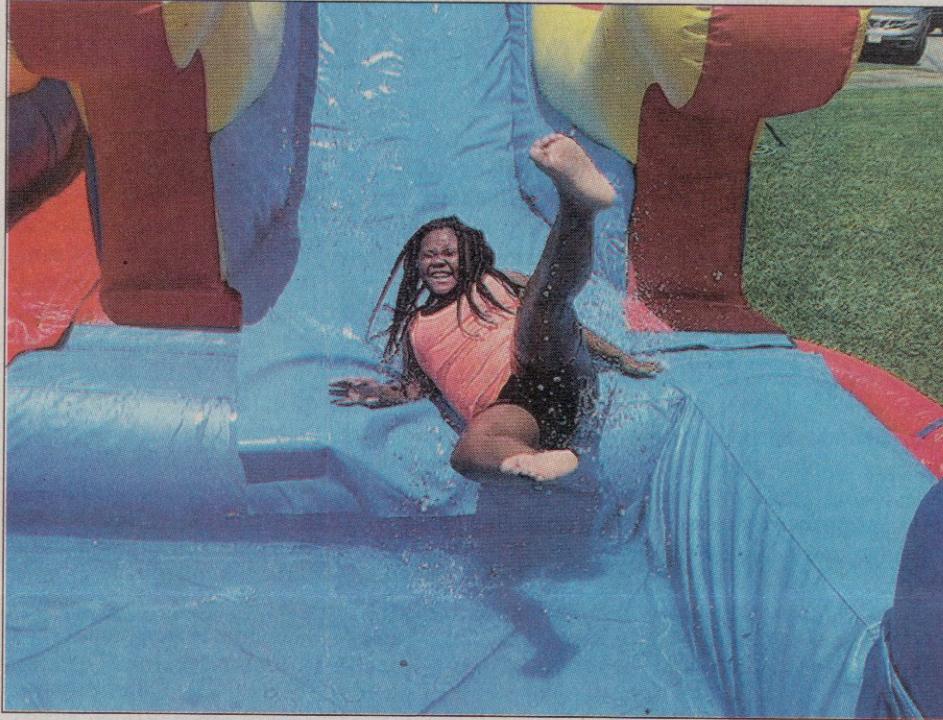
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Locals make
Troy University
Provost's List

Troy University announces students who have been named to the Provost's List for the Spring Semester and Term 4 of the 2021/2022 academic year.

Full-time undergraduate students who are registered for at least 12 semester hours and who have a grade point average of at least 3.65 qualify for the Provost's List. The Spring Semester includes students at the Troy, Ala., campus. Term 4 includes students at TROY's campuses in Dothan, Phenix City and Montgomery, Ala., along with locations outside of Alabama and online.

Local students on the list include:

- Elba, Ala.: Bhret Flowers, Mytia Germany, Destiny Hataway, and Angel Lopez-Padilla
- Jack, Ala.: Michael Wambles
- New Brockton, Ala.: Caitlyn Nolin, Breanna Wiggins, and Amber Jones

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